

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13-15, 17-76, 80-108, 111-119 are pending.

The applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 22-33, 35-76, 80-93, 95-108 and 111-119 are allowed.

The Examiner indicated that former claim 2 is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2. Thus, it is believed that current claim 1 is allowable.

As claims 7-10, 13 and 15-18 are dependent from claim 1 directly or indirectly, it is believed that these claims are also allowable over the cited reference of record. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) is respectfully requested.

It is also believed that claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 14 and 19-21 are allowable as they now depend from an allowable claim, claim 1, directly or indirectly.

The Examiner rejected claims 4, 12, 16, 34 and 94 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 4, 12, and 16 have been cancelled. Claims 34 and 94 have been amended and it is believed that amended claims 34 and 94 address the Examiner's rejection to former claims 34 and 94. Claim 62 has also been amended to be consistent with amended claims 34 and 94.

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to depend on claim 1, instead of claim 2.

No new matter has been added by the amendments.

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Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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